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PLEASE NOTICE.

In writing to this office to change the address of a paper, our subscribers will do us a favor by stating the office at which the paper is received, as well as the one to which it is desired to be sent. Failure | it will be done by our own people and to do this puts us to a great deal of trouble and the necessity of going through a long list of names, involving not only much work, but much loss of time, when time

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Again we want to say to our correspondents that they must give us their real names if they expect us to publish their articles. We must have their names as a guarantee of good faith. And again, we must ask our friends-all-to condense what they have to say-boil it down. We are anxious to give as great variety as possible to our readers, and to do this the articles should be short and to

If any errors have been made in names or postoffices, in changing our mode of mailing THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER we trust our subscribers will promptly notify us of the fact, so that correction may be made.

THE FIGHT WITH THE BAGGING TRUST.

New and interesting phases are being almost daily developed in the fight between the farmers of the South and the monopolists of the Bagging Combine. On the one hand, the cool, domineering and arrogant money lord says: "Ah! they may kick, but they will have to come to it." And on the other hand, the answer is: "We know that quiet submission to this robbery means putting over \$2,000,000 of our honest earnings into your pockets, and if we must lose it, we will spend it in fighting oppression rather than in fostering and building it up. We think we can do without your jute bagging about as long as the world can do without our cotton. We have not forgotten that our fathers, over a hundred years ago, were insolently, as the Alliance seeks to build up the told that they should submit to the Stamp Act, but the haughty powers got thrashed for their insolence, and at present organized, to look after they were told that they should drink the immediate interests of Southern taxed tea, but the tea was thrown into farmers. Boston harbor as an answer. Wel we intend to fight this robbery to the bitter end." This is the defiant answer from the cotton fields of the South. But the farmers should remember that important and complicated interests are directly and indirectly involved, which though innocent, may be made to suffer serious damage in this fight. Our farmers who owe the merchants for supplies, &c., advanced to them should make every reasonable effort and sacrifice to pay their debts promptly at maturity, and the merchants should meet the farmers in the same honorable and accommodating spirit. This done, the farmer and the merchant will both be protected, and thus enable the farmer to perfect such expedients as may save him from the in-

famous imposition which has been planned by these monopolists. So far as we have been enabled to learn, the farmers of the central part of the State have thus far found good substitutes for jute bagging and in sufficient quantities to answer present demands. The merchants are buying Burlaps, Dundee and Gunny bagging, and we learn that one of our largest cotton manufacturers is pushing his arrangements to put up a style of cotton goods which he hopes will meet the case. We see that the Acme Manufacturing Co., of Wilmington, N. C., has made a wrapping of pine straw which does admirably well, and has stood all the tests required by shippers and insurance companies. We learn also that Capt, J. A. Peterkin, of Fort Molte, S. C., has ordered extensive machinery by which he will make wood bagging. He says he can saw it one-eighth of an inch thick of tough timber, such as elm, sweet gum, &c. and can supply it at five cents per yard and can supply 200,000 feet per day. He predicts that in the near future every neighborhood will have a mill for making wood bagging. Of one thing we feel assured—that this onslaught on the farmers by the monopolists will result in the South making its own bagging. We hope that they will devise appliances for utilizing every pound of our inferior grades of cotton in making it. Meantime let our farmers put their cotton up in cotton cloth, if they can do no better. Let them use Burlaps, Gunny or Dundee bagging or anything else rather than buy the Trust Bagging. Do not use one yard of it if you can possibly avoid it.

ONE OF THE EFFECTS.

The recent advance in the price of cotton is largely ascribed by commercial reporters in New York to the light receipts resulting from the terrible fight between the cotton farmers and the Bagging Trust. Suppose the cotton farmers of the South should place themselves in position to combine and withhold their cotton at their pleasure for even one month, couldn't they make these speculators squeal? They can do it if they will only raise their own supplies at home. This would make them masters of the situation and in ten years we would be the richest and most independent people on the earth. Let the Alliance address itself to this great matter.

WORK FOR THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE.

It is now certain that among the many important questions, which will be brought before the National Alliance at its meeting next month will be the consideration of the feasibility of manufacturing bagging to meet the annual demand of the cotton planters of the South. It is eminently proper, agricultural interests of the country, especially is it incumbent upon us, as

An admirable Circular Letter from of Louisiana, has just been issued (and which we will publish next week) calling for representations of all the Cotton States, to be sent by the State Alliances to the meeting of the National Alliance to confer together, as to the best plans to be adopted for making our own bagging at the South. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER would suggest to our people that they digest and present such plans as may suggest themselves for the consumation of this important step towards our commercial independence. The cotton farmers of North Carolina may be assured that I could not afford to pay this price, sentatives in that body to secure our bond to England again. I was in. independence in this matter. But we formed I could leave it alone, and that want your views. Write us in full it would be sold at some future date and we will gladly lay your sugges- at public auction. tions before the Alliance.

A FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Raleigh has organized a Chamber of Commerce and Industry. It is composed of her best citizens, representing all her interests. Already the membership has reached nearly three hundred, and the deep interest manifested in the movement angurs well for the future of our capitol city. Co-operative effort is the mighty propelling power that is driving the world onward, and when these hundreds of enterprising, intelligent men shall lock hands with a determination to succeed. we are unable to foresee any obstacle that can withstand them. Take short steps and sure ones, gentlemen. Do not, at first, attempt huge and mammoth enterprises. The capital necessary to establish and operate these will be forth-coming when the situation offers the inducement. We would prefer to see one hundred thousand dollars judiciously invested in one hundred petty industries, as a basis for commercial development, than to see two hundred thousand dollars invested in a mammoth cotton

factory. Give us diversified industries, and thus give employment to the small capital of skilled laborers, to their wives and children, and thus make our now surplus and idle population of consumers an active, thrifty and prosperous population of producers. half million of dollars properly invested, in and around Raleigh during the next twelve months, would enhance the value of property in territory tributary to our city one hundred per cent. in five years. Let the good work be inaugurated with discretion, with prudence, but with enthusiastic courage and persistent determination, and our beautiful city will soon stand the happily crowned Queen of all our attractive towns and cities.

A TRUST ON BRAINS.

The trust controls coffee, sugar, bagging and scores of other articles of prime necessity to the people. It has cornered tropical fruits, but the meanest, perhaps of all, is the school book trust, by which four publishing houses control the entire school book trade of the country. Thus we see competition in all branches of trade stifled and artificial prices and values established upon which these greedy robbers grow fat and the producers and laborers of the land impoverished and oppressed, must toil on without the hope of relief. The people believe that Congress could do something for their relief, but Congress, most of its time, is without a quorum. The members are busy looking after the more important matter of their re-election. True they have a committee whose duty it is to prosecute the ridiculous farce of "investigating" these rascally trusts and combines. We heartily agree with Bro. Yeates, of the Charlotte Democrat, when he says: "Instead of pursuing the humbugging investigating business, Congress had better do something to squelch the "Trusts." There is a large number of voters and tax-payers throughout the country who are beginning to be-

PROTECTION AS SHE IS.

A Knock-Down Argument-The Big-

gest Speech of the Campaign. EDITOR FARMER. Dear Sir :- I noticed in your last paper that if a man buys a suit of clothes for \$23 he pays \$9 for protection. This is noth. ing in comparison with my experience. I had an overcoat sent from England, cost \$10; the freight on same was \$2. When I went to the custom house to see if there was any duty to pay, imagine my surprise when I found

and when a man can buy an overcoat in America shipped from England for \$12, which in America cost one hundred per cent more, why shouldn't he have this benefit, instead of having to pay \$14 for protection?

Yours truly, HOWARD E. STRUDWICK. Auburn, N. C., Sept. 5, '88.

HE WAS THERE.

The following telegram was received in this city from the Texas State Alliance too late to be acted upon by the Association, but the Executive Committee took the matter in hand and our man was there:

L. L. Polk, President Inter-State Farmers' Convention, Raleigh, N. C .: Will you send your strongest man to

Washington on Sept. 1st, to co-operate with men from Texas, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee and the cotton exchanges of the South to break the power of the jute bagging Evan Jones, Prest. E. D. MACREADY, Acting Sec'y.

Aug. 22, '88.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

SALEM ALLIANCE, Sept. 1, '88. Col. L. L. Polk .- Dear Sir :- At our last meeting in June we elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Prof. Isham Royal, President; S. A. Howard, Secretary; John R. Cooper, Treasurer; Erastus Cooper, Chaplain; Redding Butler, Lecturer; Leonidas Cooper, Asst. Lecturer; Amma Holland, Door Keeper; Eli Cooper, Asst. Door Keeper; A. R. Butler, Serg't-at-Arms. We also elected A. M. Butler Business Agent. If you were per sonally acquainted with all the above mentioned, you would think us well equipped, officially. We hold our meetings in the Literary Hall of Salem High School. We meet twice each month, and our meetings are generally interesting. We discuss subjects of importance to the Order.

This Alliance has adopted some very important resolutions. Traveling agents are being convinced in our community that we have an agent to do all our business. We number 40 members. We have nine female members. Some of our members are not of age. We are good for a large sum in the Agency Fund. Our sisters are strong in the faith and claim to be full-blooded Alliance women. They are offering inducements to practice economy, and think it better for us to live the lives of ground-hogs for two years than to be eaten up by the canker worm known as the mortgage. We are in favor of using inferior grades of cotton for cotton bagging. Sister Katie Royal and Bro. J. A Cashwell were appointed at our last meeting to read essays on subjects of

importance for the benefit of the order. I will close by saying that I will write more for THE FARMER if you consider this made up of Alliance wool exactly one yard wide.

G. I. SMITH, Cor. Sec'y.

THE WAY TEXAS LOOKS AT IT

Thirty-two members of the Texas Legislature address the Governor, in which they say:

"1st. For six years or more, the people of the State have been demanding legislation to restrain the railroad corporations of this State from violating plain provisions of the Constitution, and to restrict the powers of the same to impose upon the products and merchandise of the country burdensome and extortionate charges for the transportation of the same.

2nd. To every legislature for the past six years have the people looked and appealed in vain, for relief from this form of taxation, so grievous and port of State and county governments. sink into insignificance compared with products of the country to market."

We submit that what is true in Texas in this regard, is true throughout the States of this Union.

Union Telegraph company for the past twenty years, aggregates the sum of \$85,840,089. If we add to these vast sums the interest and profits that are paid to other corporations and trusts, together with the vast amount of interest on private indebtedness. It I had to pay fourteen dollars. I said is easy to discover why the condition of labor is daily becoming more inno effort will be spared by their repre- and asked to have same shipped under | tolerable.. The substance of the people is eaten out by usury.

These are just the absolute facts, three years older than Cleveland.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

[Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will examine these pages.]

Bro. R. L. Tharington, of Arcola Lodge, No. 901, informs us that they meet on first and fourth Saturdays in every month and have a membership of 35. Attendance on meetings is good.

Sister Julia Charlton, Secretary of Cove Alliance, No. 793, who sends the resolutions endorsing the action of the State Alliance in regard to the Bagging Trust, informs us that her lodge, which meets three times a month, has now a membership of fifty-seven, and is in excellent working order.

Bro. J. A. Edwards, of Ormonds. ville, gives us an encouraging report from that Alliance, which is growing very rapidly. He thinks it will number at least one hundred by Christmas. The members are much pleased with the plan of the business agency, and do not think the State Alliance could have selected a better man than Capt. W. A. Darden for State Business Agent.

The Sub-Alliances continue to endorse the action of the State Alliance in regard to the Bagging Trust. Since the last issue of the paper we have received resolutions of endorsement from the following Lodges: Salem, No. 122, Moore county; Longsville. No. 113; Cove, No. 793; Atkinson, No. 40, Caswell county; Cypress Creek, No. 239; Arcola, No. 901, and Elwood, No. 420, Cumberland county.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE ACTION OF THE STATE ALLIANCE.

Resolutions of the Jones County Farmers' Alliance adopted September 1st, 1888, at a called meeting of the County Alliance.

WHEREAS, The Farmers' State Alliance, in convention assembled, on the 14th, 15th and 16th of August, did pass unanimously certain resolutions, the object of which being to defeat the Bagging Trust Co. in its attempt to extract from the cotton farmers an unwarranted and extortionate price for cotton bagging, such advanced price if submitted to having a tendency to rob the cotton planters of the South to the tune of \$2,520,000. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Jones County Farmers' Alliance, endorse the action of said State Convention, and pledge ourselves to sustain the same by our acts. And be it further

Resolved, That we use cotton frabric of our own manufacture, even though it be financially to our detriment, believing that we have lost nothing, when we have gained a great principle and established the fact that we have manhood sufficient to resist such tyranny.

Resolved, That we denounce such newspapers as are antagonistic to us in this matter, and recommend that we, as Alliance people, withdraw from them our support.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication, and that other papers friendly to us be requested to copy.

W. B. ISLER. S. H. MOORE, H. A. WHITE, September 1, 1888.

Bro. E. R. Page introduced the folowing:

We, the delegates composing the County Alliance of Jones county, do extend to the Hon. F. M. Simmons, our Representative from this the 2nd district, our endorsement and hearty thanks for his efforts in Congress to lieve that there is a lot of humbuggery oppressive in some counties that the lighten the burdens of the cotton may be crippled and damaged, but a committee of the Farmers' Union in that thing called the American revenue collected therein for the sup- planters by placing jute bagging on the free list, which plainly indicates that we have in him a representative that annually gathered by the rail who is watchful to protect us from roads of the State for transporting the oppression and promote the agricultnral interest of our country.

> The above resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary ordered to furnish THE PROGRESSIVE The net earnings of the Western FARMER with a copy of the above and request its publication.

> > JAS. B STANLY, Sec'y Jones Co. F. A. September 1, 1888.

The people of this country have never endured oppression long. Sooner or later they have always found a remedy. They will not submit much longer to the speculators who are stripping and starving them. One of these days they will put their enemies Morton is older than Harrison by in the penitentiary, or get rid of them nine years; and Thurman is twenty. in a summary way. - Atlanta Constitution.